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In re application of: Randhir Thakur, Ravi Iyer, and Howard Rhodes

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For: A METHOD TO AVOID THRESHOLD VOLTAGE SHIFT IN
THICKER DIELECTRIC FILMS

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application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Immediately after the title, please add the following: --

Related Applications

This application is a divisional of pending U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/312,373, filed May
13, 1999; which is a continuation of U.S. Application Ser. No. 08/578,825 filed Dec. 26, 1995,
now abandoned.

On page 7, line 19, please replace "tetraethylorthophosphate" with -- triethylphosphate --.

On page 9, line 26, please replace "silane oxide" with -- silane-based oxide --.